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SUBJ: KHMER SITUATIONER, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1974

1. THE FIGHTING IN CAMBODIA PICKED UP AFTER A WEEK-
END LULL.

2. ENEMY PRESSURE ON SVAY RIENG REMAINS CONSTANT.
THE CITY ITSELF HAS NOW COME UNDER ATTACK. TWO 122MM
ROCKETS AND FOUR 105 ROUNDS STRUCK THE CITY YESTERDAY.(10/7)

3. FOLLOWING THEIR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION
JUST WEST OF KOMPONG CHHNANG, ON ROUTE FIVE, KHMER
COMMUNIST FORCES HAVE SUCCEEDED IN MAKING A NEW, TWO-
KILOMETER 'CUT' ON HIGHWAY FIVE, APPROXIMATELY 45
KILOMETERS EAST OF PURSAT ABOUT HALF-WAY TO KOMPONG
CHHNANG. FANK REINFORCEMENTS ARE, ONCE AGAIN,
ON THE WAY TO A NEW ACTION. KOMPONG CHHNANG ITSELF
WAS RELATIVELY QUIET.

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4. ENEMY PRESSURE CONTINUES AT SIEM REAP THOUGH THERE

IS NO CHANGE IN THE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS OF BOTH SIDES.

5. ABOUT 45 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF BATTAMBANG, COMMUNIST FORCES HAVE ATTACKED FANK FORCES ON THE BATTAMBANG-PAILIN (ROUTE 10) HIGHWAY.

6. THERE HAS BEEN A PICK-UP IN ACTIVITY AT KOMPONG CHAM. FIVE ENEMY MORTAR ATTACKS ARE REPORTED.

7. ALONG ROUTE FOUR, BETWEEN KOMPONG SPEU AND TALAT, SEVERAL ENEMY ATTACKS ARE REPORTED. AT DAS KANCHOR THERE WAS A SINGLE ENEMY ATTACK.

8. PHNOM PENH REMAINED QUIET. TO THE SOUTHEAST, IN THE BASSAC, THE GOING REMAINS SLOW AND TOUGH FOR FANK FORCES. ENGAGEMENTS AND CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY ARE REPORTED ON THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH OF OCTOBER. TO THE SOUTHWEST TO THE CAPITAL, THE FANK THIRD DIVISION HAS BEGUN A SWEEP IN ITS AREA. SEVEN ENEMY MORTAR ATTACKS ARE REPORTED IN THE NORTHWEST.

9. OTHER AREAS REPORTING LIGHT ACTIVITY INCLUDE PREY VENG, BANAM, TAKEO, KAMPOT, KOMPONG THOM AND THE OUDONG-LOVEK AREA.

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